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SUBJECT: VESCO CASE: REQUEST FOR DOCUMENT RELEASE

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A FORMAL REQUEST FROM SIMON NUSBAUM PURPORTEDLY UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (5 U. S. C. 522) FOR " ACCESS AS POSSIBLE IN YOUR FILES RELATING TO COSTA PERTAINING TO: ALL TRANSACTIONS BY ROBERT L. VESCO AND HIS ASSOCIATES ( NORMAN LEBLANC, MILTON MEISSNER AND OTHERS) AND ATTORNEYS ( FACIO, FOURNIER Y CANAS), PERTAINING TO I. O. S., THE FUNDS, BAHAMAS COMMONWEALTH BANK, INTERAMERICAN CAPITAL S. A. AND ANY OTHER ENTITIES RELATED TO VESCO AND HIS GROUP IN COSTA RICA, TRANSFER OF FUNDS, BANK ACCOUNTS, TRANSACTIONS OF THE FIGUERES FAMILY RELATING TO VESCO AND HIS GROUP IN COSTA RICA OR IN THE U. S., OR PANAMA, OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY AND ANY OTHER RELATED MATTERS; ALSO VESCO' S ATTEMPTS TO ACQUIRE COSTA RICA CITIZENSHIP AND TO LOSE U. S. CITIZENSHIP."

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2. FYI. PROCEDURES FOR DEPARTMENT HANDLING OF REQUESTS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT ARE GIVEN IN 5 FAM 482. IN GENERAL, REQUESTED DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE UNLESS ONE OF SEVERAL SPECIFIC EXCEPTIONS IS APPLICABLE. THE EXCEPTIONS (22 CFR SUBPART A, SUBSECTION 6.4) INCLUDE, INTER ALIA, RECORDS REQUIRED TO BE WITHHELD BY EXECUTIVE ORDER OR OTHER AUTHORITY, RE-

LATING TO NATIONAL DEFENSE OR FOREIGN POLICY; AND INVESTIGATORY FILES COMPILED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THEY ARE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS IN LITIGATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT. END FYI.

3. ARA/ CEN HAS REVIEWED DOCUMENTS IN INDICATED AREAS OF INTEREST AND SUBJECT TO EMBASSY CONCURRENCE HAS NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS. STATE 91751 OF MAY 14, 1973; SAN JOSE 1664 OF MAY 12, 1973; SAN JOSE 815 OF MAY 9, 1973; STATE 3416 OF MAR. 7, 1973; SAN JOSE 790 OF MAR. 7, 1973 ( DELETING PARENTHEZIZED PORTION OF PARA 6); SAN JOSE 248 OF JAN. 22, 1973 ( DELETING LAST ELEVEN WORDS OF SENTENCE ONE, PARAGRAPH ONE); SAN JOSE 116 OF JAN 10, 1973; SAN JOSE 123 OF JAN 10, 1973; SAN JOSE 45 OF JAN 4, 1973; SAN JOSE 23 OF JAN 3, 1973; SAN JOSE 2795 OF OCT. 11, 1972; SAN JOSE A-179 OF OCT. 6, 1972; SAN JOSE 2754 ( DELETING LAST SENTENCES OF PARAS 2 AND 3 AND ALL PARA 4); SAN JOSE 3482 OF DEC 18, 1972 ( DELETING PARA 6); SAN JOSE 3057 OF NOV. 3, 1972 ( DELETING FIRST 21 WORDS OF PARA ONE AND FIRST SIX WORDS OF PARA 3; SAN JOSE 1813 OF MAY 23, 1973; SAN JOSE 1799 OF MAY 23, 1973 ( DELETING SECOND LAST LINE OF PARA ONE); SAN JOSE 334 OF JAN 31, 1973 ( DELETING PARA 1, SENT 1, PARA 4 EXCEPT FOR LAST SENTENCE, AND PARA 5); SAN JOSE 996 ( DELETING PARA 2, PARENTHEZIZED PORTION OF SECOND SENTENCE, PARA 3, SENTENCE 2, WORDS 2-15, AND PARA 4); SAN JOSE A-46 WITH ATTACHMENTS ( DELETING P. 2, PARA 3 LINE 3, WORDS 1 AND 2; SAME PARA, LAST TWO WORDS, P. 3, PARA 1, WORDS 10-18 AND 28-41, P. 3, PARA 2, SENTENCES 3 AND 4, P 5 NOTE, P. 8 NOTE, P. 10, PARA 2 " MOREOVER ... THUS" IV 1) AND NOTE, P.11 PARAS 1,2 AND FOOTNOTE 1) WITH EXCEPTION OF FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 1 WHICH BEGINS " THE GOCR BONDS ..." ; P. 12, PARA 2, SENT 3, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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" WAS PURCHASED ... MILLION", AND PARENTHEZIZED PORTION OF SENT 4; P.13, PARA 2, SENT 1 AND THIRD WORD OF SENT 2, P.13 ENTIRE PARA 3, P.14 , PARA 2, LINE 2, WORDS 8-9; P.14, PARA 3 LINE 1- FIGURES; LINE 4; TOTAL LINE; ALL OF SECTION V FROM P.14-16.

WE ARE REVIEWING OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND WILL ADVISE

YOU OF OUR INITIAL CONCLUSIONS ASAP.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REVIEW OF THE DOCUMENTS  
IN PARA 3 AND OTHERS IN THE INDICATED AREAS IS REQUESTED  
ON AN URGENT BASIS. EMBASSY IS INVITED TO INDICATE  
ANY OF ABOVE CABLES OR PORTIONS OF CABLES WHICH IT FEELS  
OUGHT NOT RPT NOT BE RELEASED ON THE BASIS OF EXEMPTIONS  
TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND ACCOMPANYING  
REGULATIONS ( PARA 3 ABOVE). EMBASSY IS ALSO INVITED

TO SUGGEST ANY ADDITIONAL CABLES OR AIRGRAMS WHICH DEAL  
WITH INDICATED SUBJECTS, AND WHICH EMBASSY FEELS MAY  
BE RELEASED. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A PARTIAL  
RESPONSE TO NUSBAUM( DEALING WITH CABLES LISTED PARA 2)  
PREPARED WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. ROGERS

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